## **EXHIBIT 7**

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Τ	SEAN HANNITY: Welcome back to Hannity. So
2	more on the story of murdered Democratic
3	National Committee staffer Seth Rich, who was
4	gunned down last July in Washington D.C. D.C.
5	Police are officially in charge of this case but
6	former D.C. Homicide $\underline{\underline{\underline{D}}}$ etective Rod Wheeler, who
7	was hired by a third party to investigate the
8	murder on behalf of the family says Mr. Rich was
9	communicating with WikiLeaks before he was
10	killed. Now, Seth's family has been pushing
11	back today releasing a statement that reads in
12	part,
13	"We as a family are committed to facts not fake
14	evidence that surfaces every few months to fill
15	the void and to distract law enforcement and the
16	general public from finding Seth's murderers.
17	The services of the private investigator who
18	spoke to the press was ordered to the Rich
19	family and paid for by a third party and
20	contractually was barred from speaking to the
21	press or anyone outside of law enforcement or
22	the family unless explicitly authorized by the
23	family."
24	Fox News has retained a copy of the contract
25	signed by the Rich family retaining the services

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1 of Rod. He joins us now with the very latest. 2 All right, I don't want to spend a lot of time 3 on the technicality of who hired you. ROD WHEELER: Sure. 4 5 SEAN HANNITY: I've known you a long time, 6 Rod, you're a man of honor and integrity, so 7 tell us who hired you. ROD WHEELER: Well, actually I was hired by 8 9 the family, Joel and Mary Rich, they signed the 10 contract. Now the financial benefit, if there 11 were any financial benefit, and by the way there 12 wasn't much, that was actually paid for by a third party that I have had very little 13 14 communication with at all, Sean. 15 SEAN HANNITY: Yeah, all right, let's go 16 through this case. The timeline is fascinating 17 here. As I played in the last segment, Julian Assange -- I asked him repeatedly on radio and 18 19 television if Russia was involved. Absolutely 20 not. Now, believe him or not, he's a guy that 21 in WikiLeaks 11 year history has never been proven wrong and all these leaks --22 23 ROD WHEELER: Correct. 24 SEAN HANNITY: And all these leaks, by the

way, ended up being -- a lot of them ended up

Τ	being published in places like the New York
2	Times. So I guess my question is, when you look
3	at the timeline of this and 12 days after he was
4	killed that shows up on WikiLeaks, what did you
5	discover in terms of the contacts with
6	WikiLeaks?
7	ROD WHEELER: Right, well that's an
8	excellent question and let me clear that up
9	right now, exactly what it was that I found.
10	Now, I have never seen the emails myself
11	directly. I haven't even seen the computer that
12	Seth Rich used. Here's the problem with all of
13	this, I don't even know where the computer is.
14	I checked with the police department, they said
15	they don't know where the computer is, and the
16	FBI, they say they don't have the computer.
17	Now, where did this information come from in
18	terms of knowing or believing, I should say,
19	that Seth Rich could have been in communications
20	with WikiLeaks. There was a federal
21	investigator that was involved on the inside of
22	the case, a person that's very credible and I
23	will tell you, let me just say this, Sean, I
24	don't like to suggest things without saying the
25	person's name but I can't say the person's name

1	because that person would be thrown under the
2	bus and I can't do that. But this person, we
3	checked him out, we have to check him out, very
4	credible, he said he laid eyes on the computer
5	and he laid eyes on the case file, and he came
6	across very credible. When you look at that
7	with the totality of everything else that I've
8	found in this case, it's very consistent for a
9	person with my experience to begin to think,
10	"Well, perhaps there were some email
11	communications between Seth and WikiLeaks".
12	Every time I talk with the police department
13	though, Sean, every time I talk to the police
14	department about the WikiLeaks or the emails, it
15	is automatically shut down. That discussion is
16	automatically shut down.
17	SEAN HANNITY: So we don't know for sure if
18	the FBI or if the DC Police have any access to
19	this these forensics, this email, these
20	emails?
21	ROD WHEELER: Right, we we don't know.
22	We actually have a statement from the FBI saying
23	telling us to contact the DC Police, the DC
24	Police says, "Contact the FBI". Now, which is
25	it? If this is just a murder investigation,

1	first of all, why would the FBI be involved?
2	The only reason the FBI would be involved, just
3	so that the viewers understand, is if this has
4	some degree of national exposure. Meaning,
5	because maybe it is related to the DNC and we
6	don't know that. We don't know that for sure.
7	It could have been a botched robbery but my
8	point is this, Sean, when you've been
9	investigating murders for a while you have to
10	look at very possibility, you can't just look at
11	one thing and say, "Well, that has to be it".
12	SEAN HANNITY: Have you ever seen a lot of
13	robberies, which is how they have been looking
14	into this case, where the person has their
15	wallet and their watch after they have been shot
16	and killed in the back?
17	ROD WHEELER: No. No, I haven't. Now,
18	that's not to say that that could not happen,
19	but here's the thing, and this is so important,
20	there's been a \$125,000 reward out for
21	information pertaining to the death of Seth
22	Rich. Not one person has come forward. Here's
23	one other thing that's going to be startling and
24	I'm just going to say this right now, I reached
25	out to the police department way back in March

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      when the family first hired me, right, to get
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      involved. I didn't hear anything from the
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      police department for two to three days. Guess
      what I learned yesterday from the family of Seth
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      Rich, the police department did not call me back
      because someone, a high ranking official at the
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      DNC - check this out - a high ranking official
      at the DNC, when I called the police department,
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      they got that information and called the Rich
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       family wanting to know why was I snooping
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      around.
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            SEAN HANNITY: Wouldn't that explain -- how
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      is it possible that the DNC, when the FBI want
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      to look at their computers, was able to bring in
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      their own people or that the people that ended
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      up getting immunity ended up being able to
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      destroy their laptop computers? Is there any
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      evidence that he might have been disgruntled at
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      the treatment of Bernie Sanders and the
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      unfairness and the fix was in to put Hilary in
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      that position and maybe had evidence of that?
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            ROD WHEELER: No, I -- I haven't seen any
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      evidence in that regard. The only thing that I
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      have been able to confirm is that there were
      some problems that Seth was having on his job at
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1	the DNC right before he was killed, and the
2	person listen to this, the person that called
3	the father after I called the police to get
4	information, that's the person that Seth was
5	having problems with at the DNC. So
6	SEAN HANNITY: Yeah.
7	ROD WHEELER: you know, connect the dots
8	here, it's starting to all come together. So,
9	again, let me just really quickly say this. I
10	don't know for sure, I don't know as a matter of
11	fact if the emails went out to the WikiLeaks or
12	anybody else but it sure appears that way.
13	SEAN HANNITY: All right, Rod Wheeler,
14	thanks for being with us.
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